

Ex-Bulgarian Envoy Pleads Guilty as Spy

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 26 (Reuters)—A former Bulgarian diplomat at the United Nations, who pleaded guilty today to spying for the United States, said he quit after seven years because of the "petty spying tasks" assigned him.

The accused, Ivan-Assen Christov Georgiev, 56, said he wrote to Allen Dulles, chief of the American central intelligence agency, complaining that he had been put on the level of a low standard spy.

Georgiev was alleged to have received about \$200,000 for betraying political, economic, and military state secrets to American intelligence agents whom he met in the United States, Paris, Geneva, Switzerland, and Vienna.

Pleads After Indictment

He pleaded guilty in a trial before the supreme court after the reading of the indictment, which took more than an hour.

About 350 spectators, including foreign newsmen, heard Georgiev say: "I did not confess to lessen my guilt. I do not want to speculate or buy justice. I ask you to give me the heaviest punishment. I am ready to accept it because I have committed the greatest crime."

Georgiev, who is married but has no children, was also charged with giving American intelligence agencies information about the Sino-soviet ideological dispute.

The trial was expected to last three days and judgment will be handed down Monday.

Seized in Moscow

The defendant said Bulgarian security men arrested him in Moscow Sept. 8 in his room at the Hotel Metropole, and he made a full confession immediately.

The indictment said Georgiev joined the United States intelligence service in November, 1956, the day after he arrived in New York to become counselor at the Bulgarian permanent mission to the United Nations.



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Georgiev said part of his disaffection with the United States government stemmed from its refusal of \$60,000 to finance an international institute of philosophy in which he wanted a central role.

It was this that caused him to write a letter to Dulles at his Washington home, he said.

Georgiev said his first contact with the CIA was with a man named George Anderson, but whom Georgiev recognized as Cyril Black, son of a former director of an American college in Sofia. He said he maintained contact with him until 1958, giving away state secrets that included the code used in communications with the Bulgarian U. N. delegation.